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CHINESE GOVERNMENT TROOPS CLAIM CAPTURE OF HWAHSIEN

MEAD NOT TO BE
RETAINED!

NEW SENSATION IN
CRICKET CIRCLE

BRILLIANT RECORD

London, To-day.
It is announced that Hampshire County Cricket Club will not be retaining Philip Mead in 1937, but in view of the excellent services to the County, the Club have decided to pay his wages until September. — Reuter.

It will be recalled that the Kent County Cricket Club authorities recently announced that they had decided to dispense with the services of A. P. (Tich) Freeman, who had for many years, been the mainstay of their attack.

C. P. Mead, who is in his forty-ninth year, has been playing for Hampshire for many years. A fine left-handed bat, he played in every Test against the Australians and in 1921 scored 182 not out at the Oval.

Mead was Hampshire's most successful batsman last season and played in practically every match. His figures were 55 innings, 12 times not out, total 1,650 runs, 151 not out, highest score, and an average of 38.37.

In the 1921 season he aggregated 3,179 runs and in 1928 he totalled 3,027 runs. In June 1921, he scored 1,159 runs with a highest score of 280 not out, while in July, 1923, he hit up 1,043 with a highest score of 222. In all, he has hit 151 centuries in first class cricket, a feat bettered by only Jack Hobbs (197) and Herbert Sutcliffe (156).

MADRID COMMAND
READY FOR ALL
EVENTUALITIES

CONFLICTING REPORTS
OF FIGHTING

GOVERNMENT SUCCESSES CLAIMED

London, To-day.
Conflicting reports regarding the fighting in West Madrid come from the opposing sides. The Madrid Defence Council, in a communique, claims to have repulsed fierce insurgent attacks preceded by intense artillery bombardment and also claims to have made an important advance on the Burgos front, where the communique says that the Government troops have cut the roads connecting the Northern Army with its supply base.

An insurgent communique, on the other hand, claims that a big attack was made on the Madrid front near Villanueva and the surrounding villages, all of which were occupied after a fierce fight.

Paris: A message from Madrid states that the insurgents are heavily reinforcing the Madrid front, where the big offensive is expected before the New Year. The message, however, adds that the Madrid Command is ready for all eventualities. — Reuter.

LORD PEEL NARROWLY
ESCAPES CAPTURE

Arab Bandits Ambush Convoy

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Jerusalem, To-day.

Lord Peel, leader of the British Commission of Investigation in Palestine, narrowly escaped capture when bandits ambushed and plundered a convoy of five cars 10 miles outside of Jericho. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Salamanca: The rainy and cold weather which during the last few weeks had seriously hampered the offensive of the Nationalist forces on the Madrid front, has at last ended in the Nationalist army being able to resume an intensive bombardment of the Red positions. (Continued on Page 10)

Shortage Of Food
Supplies

Salamanca: The Provisioning Board of Barcelona has been ordered by the Catalan Government to cut down the rations supplied to the population in view of the increasing shortage of food-stuffs.

The Red Government, moreover, has decided to enlarge the existing concentration camps and prepare new ones since all the available prisons are no longer proving sufficient to receive the ever-increasing number of prisoners sentenced to confinement by the People's Court. — Trans-Ocean Service.

CRICKET MATCH
MISHAP

Ball-Boy Hit Over Eye
In Next Ground

A very distressing accident took place during the cricket match at King's Park yesterday afternoon between Paymaster Lt. Comdr. Nicholson's XI and the Hon. G. R. Clegg-Hill's XI.

Surge-Lt. Kirkwood was batting for the former side and hit a ball from Lt. Murphy over the screen into the German Club tennis courts, hitting a Chinese ball-boy over the right eye. The coolie, who was semi-conscious, was attended by Surge-Lt. Davenport and Surge-Lt. Kirkwood himself and was subsequently removed to the Kowloon Hospital. He was, however, discharged later in the evening.

Details of the match will be found on Page 2.

STOP PRESS

TEST MATCH

Sydney, To-day. — Australia were 82 for 1 at the tea interval after following on 248 runs in arrears. — Reuter.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt, his wife, and his son are here shown on the porch of their Hyde Park, New York, home just after the President had been notified of his sweeping victory over his Republican opponent, Governor Alfred Landon, of Kansas.

GIBRALTAR SENSATION
SPANIARD THREATENS TO MURDER
MODERN SCARLET PIMPERNEL

Gibraltar, To-day. — A sensation was caused here yesterday by the arrest, in a crowded hotel, of a well-dressed Spaniard who was interviewing the Englishman, Grace Hutchinson, known as the "modern Scarlet Pimpernel."

DUKE OF WINDSOR TO
RETURN NEXT SUMMER?

London, To-day. — H.R.H. the Duke of Windsor will probably visit England next summer after the Coronation of King George VI, following which he will resume residence at Fort Belvedere. — Trans-Ocean Service.

FRENCH STRIKE

Premier's Appeal
Unavailing

NO COMPROMISE YET

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Premier Leon Blum's appeal to the employers and workers in Lille, the region of the metallurgical industries, that they should settle their conflict in view of the danger which the strike constitutes for the interests of the French National Defence, has remained fruitless so far, although both parties have expressed their willingness to respond to the appeal.

The reason for the deadlock is that the employers demand that their works be evacuated by the workers and strike pickets and that the instigators of the strike be barred from reinstatement.

Senator Mathieu, whose statement before the Senate induced the Premier to issue the appeal for settlement, again conferred with the employers and workers in order to reach a compromise, but he was forced to return to Paris from Lille without having achieved the object of his journey. — Trans-Ocean Service.

POPULATION EXCHANGE

Damascus, To-day. — Reports are current here of Syrian counter-proposals in the question of Sandjak of Alexandrette. It is proposed that there should be an exchange of population whereby 150,000 Syrians domiciled in Turkey would be exchanged for 50,000 Turks to be repatriated from the Sandjak region. — Trans-Ocean Service.

MR. T. V. SOONG IN
SIANFU

OVERSEAS CHINESE
HOLD CONFERENCE

GENERALISSIMO STILL CAPTIVE

Shanghai, To-day.

Following the resumption of hostilities against the Shensi rebels, the Chinese Government troops claim that they have captured Hwahsien, 50 miles to the east of Sianfu.

Mr. T. V. Soong has arrived in Sianfu in an attempt to secure the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Berlin: The Chinese Ambassador to Berlin, Dr. Cheng Tien-fong, has gone to Frankfurt-on-Main to meet Mr. Wang Ching-wel. It is understood that they will then go on to Paris for the meeting of the Chinese Mission Chiefs to discuss the situation in China. — Reuter.

Canton: It is officially reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had not been released late last night.

In order to delay the Government offensive, the revolting general, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is negotiating for the liberty of the Generalissimo on the one hand, and concentrating his troops on the other.

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Japan's Attitude

Canton: The Japanese Government looks upon the Shensi situation as a very important matter in the Far East. Mr. S. Kawagoe, the Japanese Ambassador to China, who had been away from Nanking since the 5th inst., returned to the Chinese capital from Shanghai last night at 7.30 p.m.

It is reported that Mr. Kawagoe has been instructed by the Japanese Foreign Office to see Mr. Chang Chun, the Chinese Foreign Minister this morning, to enquire regarding the safety of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and to inform Mr. Chang of the attitude of the Japanese Government regarding the crisis in China.

It is learned that Mr. Kawagoe will, at the same time, request Mr. Chang to renew the negotiations regarding the Sino-Japanese relations. — Or Own Correspondent.

Innocent Citizens
Killed

Canton: Hearing that the rebels in Sian had set fire to many houses and killed many innocent citizens in the city last week, the Attorney-General in Nanking has been instructed to investigate the matter and to make out a criminal case against the rebels concerned. — Our Own Correspondent.

Inter-American Peace
Conference

Buenos Aires, To-day. — Great progress has been made at the Inter-American Peace Conference towards obtaining the desired unity and co-operation between the republics in North and South America, though the desire of the United States to get the American continent pledged to absolute neutrality in the event of a war outside its borders has not been fulfilled.

The decisions taken during the last 24 hours reveal that while the majority of the republics favour ratifying exclusively the American Conventions, Argentina, on the other hand, while loyally adhering to the Pan-American Conference, regards the present conference as the basis for universal peace.

Although the plans for a Pan-American League of Nations have been referred to the Washington Committee for study, it is generally disapproved by the delegates here. The labours of the Committee will be a plenary sitting tomorrow, while the closing ceremony will be held on Wednesday. — Reuter.

RED REVOLUTION

Marseilles Communists
Prepare

ALARMING REPORT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

That Marseilles Communists have prepared regular mobilisation plans in the event of a Red revolution, is the sensational assertion reported by the newspaper *Le Jour*, which declares that the plans provide for the arming of 100,000 Red workers.

The article points out that this figure is probably not exaggerated, since no fewer than 180,000 foreigners are resident in Marseilles and Communists have already accumulated large stores of machine-guns, hand-grenades and ammunition, while specially formed "Shock Brigades" are undergoing regular training, under warlike conditions, every Sunday in the environs of Marseilles. — Trans-Ocean Service.

SAN SALVADOR
EARTHQUAKE

Considerable Damage
Reported

Paris, To-day. — A message from Mexico states that at least 220 were killed and many hundreds injured in an earthquake in San Salvador which followed a volcanic eruption. In addition considerable damage was done at San Vicente, five villages being completely destroyed. — Reuter.

TYPHOON WARNING

A message received by the American Consulate-General at 9.30 a.m. from the Manila Observatory states that a typhoon is situated in about 125 deg. Longitude East and 6 deg. Latitude North, moving West. This typhoon is about 20 miles south-west of Cebu, Philippine Islands. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA ALL OUT
FOR 80!

DON BRADMAN DISMISED
FIRST BALL

VOCE'S BRILLIANT BOWLING

Sydney, To-day.

Dismissed for a paltry 58 runs when set 381 to win in the first Test at Brisbane, Australia again failed badly to-day when they were dismissed for 80 runs before lunch in reply to England's total of 426 for 6 declared in the second Test match, which opened here last Friday. England won the first Test by 322 runs.

In one spell this morning Voce took the wickets of O'Brien, Don Bradman, McCabe and Fingleton for 8 runs!

Fingleton left soon after lunch, Verity accepting a catch at point off Voce, 28-5-12. He had batted stolidly for 55 minutes.

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Scores:—

ENGLAND
Barnett, b Ward 57
Fager, c Stevens, b McCormick 11
Hammond, not out 231
Leyland, b McCabe 42
Amen, c Robinson, b Ward 29
G. O. Allen, lbw, b O'Reilly 9
Hardstaff, b McCormick 26
Verity, not out 9
Extras 21

Total (for 6 wickets) 426
Fall of the wickets: 1 (O'Brien) for 12; 2 (Barnett) for 118; 3 (Leyland) for 147; 4 (Amen) for 251; 5 (Allen) for 368; 6 (Hardstaff) for 424.
R. W. V. Robins, Sims and Voce did not bat.

Twelfth man—Fingleton.
Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
McCormick 29 1 73 2
Stevens 14 2 4 0
Ward 12 3 12 2
O'Reilly 41 17 36 1
Chippendale 13 2 47 0
McCabe 9 1 31 1

AUSTRALIA
J. H. Fingleton, c Verity, b Voce 12
W. J. O'Brien, c Sims, b Voce 0
D. G. Bradman, c Allen, b Voce 0
S. J. McCabe, c Sims, b Voce 0
A. G. Chippendale, c Sims, b Allen 13
M. W. Stevens, c Voce, b Verity 4
W. A. Oldfield, b Verity 1
W. J. O'Reilly, not out 37
E. L. McCormick, b Allen 10
F. Ward, b Allen 0
C. Badcock, absent ill 0
Extras 3

Total 80
Fall of the wickets: 1 (O'Brien) for 12; 2 (Bradman) for 1; 3 (McCabe) for 2; 4 (Chippendale) for 16; 5 (Fingleton) for 28; 6 (Stevens) for 30; 7 (Oldfield) for 31; 8 (McCormick) for 36; 9 (Ward) for 60.
Twelfth man—R. Robinson.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Voce 6 1 19 4
Allen 5 1 19 3
Verity 3 0 17 2
Hammond 4 0 4 0
Sims 2 0 28 0
Robins 1 0 7 0

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FOR VICTORY

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At the moment, England appears to be well on top, and unless something very phenomenal happens, should register their second win to put themselves in a very strong position for winning the rubber.

There was a full programme of friendly matches in the Colony last Saturday. Rowland Cricket Club and the Army had a most interesting match, at the K.C.C., when the latter's tail-enders just managed to play out time. One of the features of the game was the fine display of Kenneth Barber, who performed very creditably in his first match for the champions' senior eleven to compile 39, after such batsmen as Anderson and Teddy Fincher had failed.

Civil Service scored a win over the Navy, thanks to a contribution of 65 by J. E. Richardson and Craigengower did very well to dispose of the Club. Zimmerman appears to have found his best form and found the boundary on no less than ten occasions, in compiling 53. Duckitt bowled well for the losers and secured 7 wickets for only 38 runs.

The Police trounced Queen's College, while Recreio disposed of the I.R.C. juniors in a low-scoring match, chiefly featured by some good bowling feats. Gosno, 6 for 15 and Baker 6 for 17 returned excellent analyses.



V. Costa, above, gave a grand display against the Club last Saturday in the left-back position and considerably enhanced his prospects for an Interport trial.

scored 95. Another school team to perform with credit was the Central British. In an exciting finish, the Navy were one run behind with only two wickets to fall. Mulcahy retired with 78 runs, whilst Rosegood obtained 6 Navy wickets for 33.

Leonard made his first big score of the season, against the Club seconds, and was largely responsible, with France, for Craigengower's win.

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HUNGARY'S TABLE
TENNIS WINBut Szabados Is
DefeatedBRILLIANT LEFT-HANDERS
IN LONG DUEL

London, November 20. In the first of five Table Tennis matches between the countries Hungary beat England at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, London, last night, by eight events to one.

The only English victory was gained by A. A. Haydon, who, in the last match, beat M. Szabados by two games to one. Two vital points were lost by the Hungarian when the score was 19 all in the deciding game by overhitting.

Szabados won his two other matches. He beat M. R. W. Bergl by two games to one and S. Proffitt by two to none.

In a duel between two of the most brilliant left-handers in the world L. Bellak beat Haydon by 21-14, 22-20, after some very hard hitting.

Results:
M. Szabados (Hungary) bt M. R. W. Bergl (Harrow, Eng.), 21-16, 21-12; bt S. Proffitt (London, Eng.), 21-16, 21-16; lost to A. A. Haydon (Birmingham, Eng.), 13-21, 21-13, 19-21.

L. Bellak (Hungary) bt Haydon, 21-14, 22-20; bt Bergl, 21-14, 22-20; bt Proffitt, 16-21, 21-8, 21-3; bt Bergl, 22-20, 20-22, 21-19.

G. V. Barna (Hungary) bt Proffitt, 13-21, 21-9, 21-17; bt Bergl, 21-17, 21-16; bt Haydon, 21-17, 25-23.

LAST SATURDAY'S "VERDICTS"

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early goal which acted as a stimulus to their efforts, although they were on the defensive for the whole of the second half, their quick tackling and magnificent spilling giving Henry Yeung, Chan Tak-fai and Cheuk Shek-kam little opportunity for steady before a shot at goal.

Still Brilliant Player

Cheng Shui-hong, who gave Hong Kong their first victory in the Interport series in Shanghai in the November 1932 Interport match, is an invaluable acquisition to East-tern, and is still one of the finest forwards in the Colony, despite the fact that he deserted South China "A's" ranks for a junior club. He may yet get a "stab" at the Interport trials. South China were best served by Yeung Shui-yick, on the right-wing, and Lam Tak-po, their centre-half.

Recovering!

The Police, following their success in the Senior Shield, seemed to have regained some of their former glory and last Saturday managed to hold the Athletic to a draw, sharing two goals in a very mediocre encounter, which was featured by clever combination on the part of the Police forwards, although Bone, at left-back, was their individual star turn.

Fail Again

The Rifles, following their defeat at the hands of South China "A" in the Second Round of the Senior Shield, failed to impress against the Fusiliers and had to be content with one point from a goalless draw.

Bitter Humiliation

The Club, continuing their experimental methods when other teams in the first division have settled down, suffered a bitter humiliation at the hands of St. Joseph's last Saturday. It was not the fact that they were the weaker team, on the contrary, but their sensational positional changes could not possibly have achieved anything else but disaster.

ARMY DEFEAT CHINESE IN LAI
WAH CUP REPLAY

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On top of these two unfortunate incidents, Pau had two very unreliable backs in front of him in Tong Kwan, who was repeatedly miscalculating, and Lui Ting-choy, whose erratic clearances and poor passing gave the Army forwards many glorious openings which, however, they failed to take advantage of.

Best Full-Back

Stevens was the pick of the four backs and indeed was the best defender on the field. His quick interceptions and recoveries had the best in the Chinese attack guessing time and again and he was only passed once, by Lai Shiu-wing, when the latter headed in the second Chinese goal.

The Chinese halves were very disappointing. Leung Wing-chin being the only player to show anything like form. Henry Yeung, on the left-flank, was very erratic in his passing and cleared weakly. Evans was the pick of the Army halves, though Taylor, on his opposite wing, was a hard-worker, but relied too much on his inside forward falling back to take the ball up, instead of trying to take it up on his own.

Lacked Sting

Cheng Shui-hong, making his first appearance in four years on the right-wing for a representative Chinese team for the first time, was not quite sure of himself and lacked sting behind his centres, many of which failed to reach the goalmouth area, while Lai Shiu-wing, at inside-right, never came into his own until the second-half, missing two Kwai-shing and Fung King-cheong on either side of him.

Chan Tak-fai worked very hard in the leader's berth and paved the way for the opening goal. The real weakness in the Chinese attack, however, was at inside-left, where Chow Man-chi spoiled practically every attacking movement. His lack of inches played a big part in his failure, as the majority of passes which came his way from Henry Yeung were overhead ones.

A Brilliant Centre

Cheong Moon-wing, on the left-wing, gave an indifferent display although his centre which culminated in the second goal was one of the finest I have seen performed on the Navy ground. The Army were best served by Howlett, as centre-forward, and Erwin, on the right-wing, although Sandford, came into his own on one of his rare occasions, working very hard to make the openings, although he got in the way of several "potential" goals by barging into Howlett. Ridings, on the left-wing, was very poor until he opened the scoring with an oblique drive.

The Army led at the interval by a goal. Ridings. Early in the second-half the Army goal underwent a terrific bombardment, but came through safely, Rowlands excellently himself between the "sticks," while Stevens and Swain were sound in defence. The army scored again through Talbot soon after.

First Chinese Goal

The Chinese worked hard for their first goal, which came from Lai Shiu-wing from an opening by Chan Tak-fai. The Army, however, went further ahead when a kick by Talbot saw the ball sail over its intended mark, hit the

LONDON DIVING
CLUB WILL BE
BROKEN UPMove To Stimulate
InterestEACH SECTION WILL BE
SEPARATE BODY

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")

London, November 19.

The London Diving Club, which holds such a prominent and powerful position in the sport, is to be "broken up" and for the good of divers. That in substance, would be the outcome of a proposal to be made at the annual general meeting of the club at Marshall Street Baths on November 30.

The proposal is that as soon as practicable—and certainly not later than the end of next year—the sections of the L.D.C. at Battersea, Croydon, Harrow, Ilford, Mitcham, Stoke Newington, and West Ham shall each govern themselves and affiliate separately to the Southern Counties A.S.A.

Mr. Gregory Matveiev, the hon. secretary of the London Diving Club, who is to introduce this rather revolutionary proposal, tells me that the move is being made to stimulate competition among divers and arouse more local enthusiasm.

Keener Rivalry

As sections of one club the various centres cannot compete against each other, but with isolation the rivalry could be very keen. The membership of the L.D.C. is about four hundred, with Croydon, West Ham and Ilford as the strongest sections. An opponent to Mr. Matveiev's proposal is of the opinion that, although these three sections might be able to carry on, the others would not. This, of course, would not be in the best interests of the sport.

Distributing Trophies

Mr. Matveiev's proposal makes provision for an allowance from the general funds of the L.D.C. and for the distribution of trophies—at present held by the club—to each of the proposed converted sections. The L.D.C. would be liquidated as at December 31, 1937.

There is a lot to be said for both sides and no doubt all views will be thoroughly ventilated at the A.G.M.

The Grading List

In the club's grading list this year it comes as no surprise to find Miss Betty Slade, the 15-year-old Ilford girl, promoted to grade one. She won the national women's springboard title and was ninth in the Olympic event at Berlin. Miss Katinka Lajen, another Olympic representative, is also in the premier grade, as are T. J. Mather, winner of the national graceful championship, and Miss C. E. M. Cozens, queen of the highboard last year and Southern and Middlesex champion this.

MACKENZIE WINS GOLF TITLE
FROM A. E. LISSAMAN

Playing at Fanning yesterday, A. E. Mackenzie beat A. E. Lissaman in the Fanning Golf Club Championship match at the 40th hole.

ARGONAUTS' MAMAK
HOCKEY WIN

Playing in the Mamak Hockey League yesterday, the Argonauts beat the B.A.O.C. by three goals to nil. The Argonauts scored H. Ozorio (2) and E. Gosano.

SAILING RESULTS

The second championship race for cruisers of the "W" class yesterday was won by Mr. D. McClatchie sailing Cutty, and the "C" class event by Sea Lark V sailed by Mr. E. Cock.

right-upright and enter the net. Almost from the restart, a fine movement on the Chinese left-wing saw Cheong Moon-wing lift the ball into the Army goalmouth, where Rowlands misjudged. The ball, leaving his charge undefended, and Lai Shiu-wing ran in to head the ball into the net. The last minutes of the game were very exciting, the Chinese striving desperately hard for the equaliser, but the final whistle gave the Army victory and the right to meet the Civils in the Final Round.

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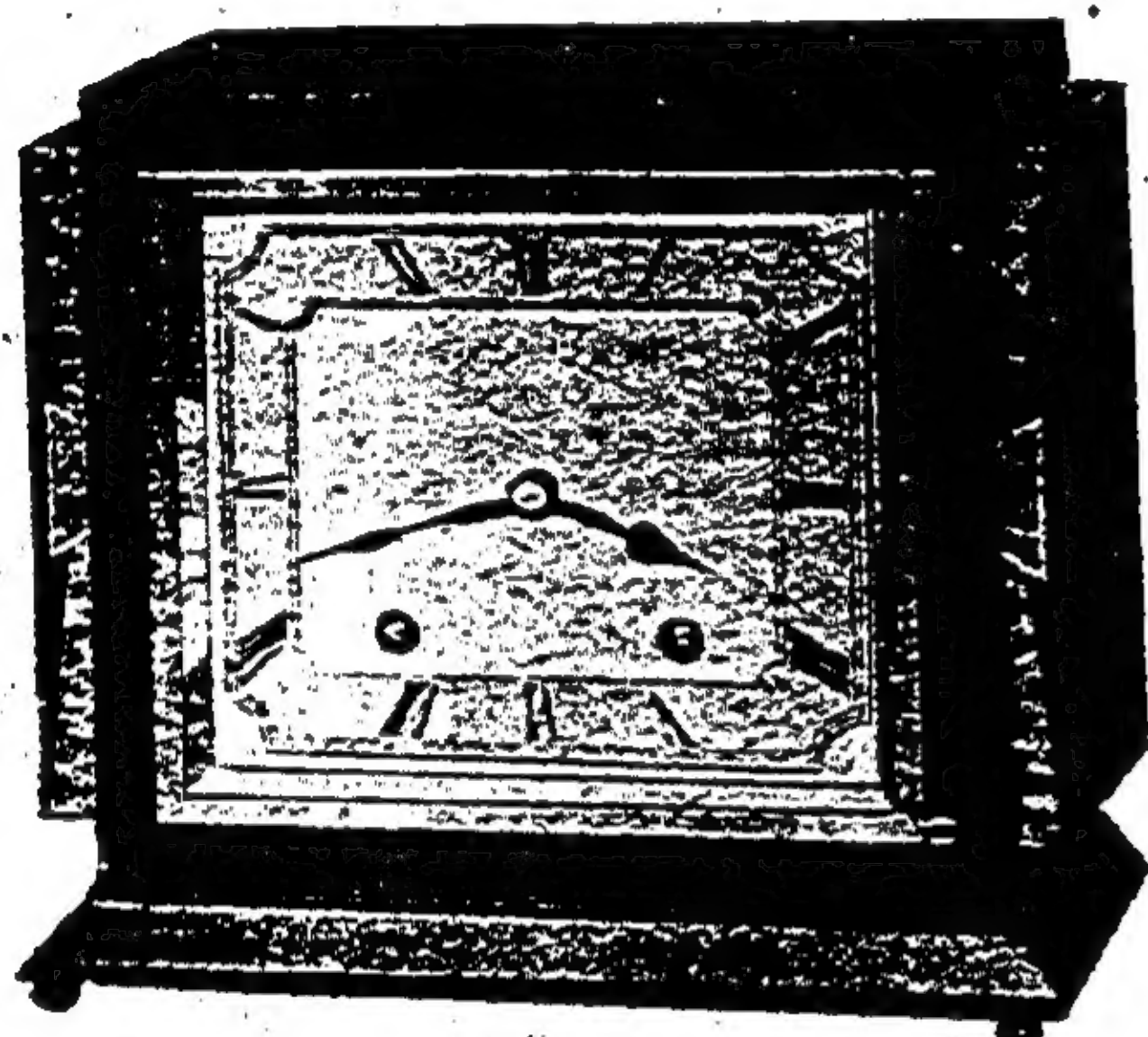
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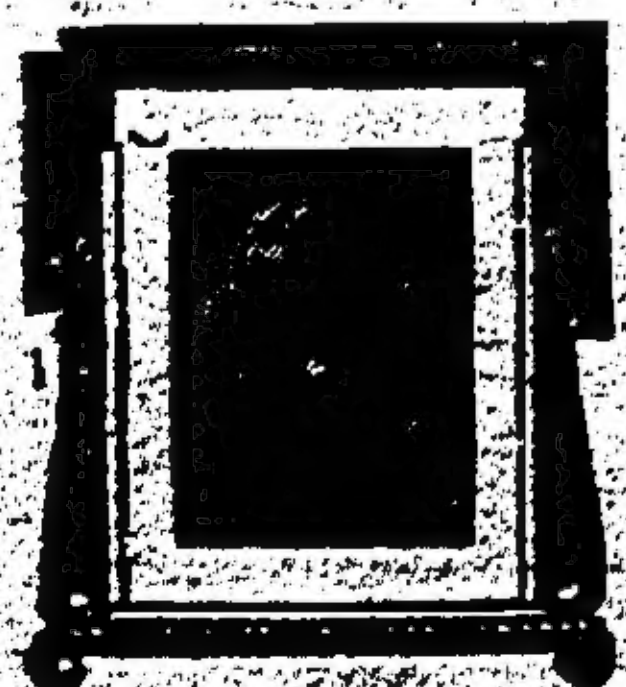
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National Roads

No party issues affect the Trunk Roads Bill debated recently in the House of Commons. The Ministry of Transport intends to take over the maintenance and reconstruction of some 4,500 miles of trunk roads, at present controlled by 84 County Councils. A uniform system of lighting and a less varied series of widths may be expected by the motorist, who at present does not know, when he makes a long journey on a through route, how many times he must adjust his vision to the differing standards of lighting and road design enjoined by adjacent local authorities.

The bill is a long-overdue reform and has been approved in principle by the County Councils Association as well as the motoring organisations. In its application it is hoped that a little more foresight will be exercised than in some road-designing experiments of recent memory. The construction of a Kingston by-pass which had to be enlarged and extended while it was still new gave an excellent example of the errors and waste which foresight could have prevented. The Ministry of Transport will have the power to equip the main roads with every safety device which the road engineer has evolved. This power should be used without timidity.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

At the meeting of the Rotary Club to-morrow Bishop Hall will speak on "The Boys' Club."

A small fire broke out in the chimney of No. 15 Caine Road at about 10 a.m. this morning. One appliance from Central Fire Station was quickly on the scene and the outbreak was extinguished without any difficulty.

The late Mrs. Edith Frances Bernard, of No. 61, Highfield Lane, Southampton, who died on July 5 last, left local estate, valued at \$42,800. Permission for the sealing of probate of will has been granted to Mr. Maurice Murray Watson, lawful attorney.

The late Mr. Allan Keith, of No. 71, Princess Gate, Kennington, Middlesex, who died at Newdigate House, Knole Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, on September 16 last, left local estate to the value of \$115,700. The application for the sealing of probate of the will, by Mr. Gerald Andrew Leiper, lawful attorney, has been granted.

Local estate, valued at \$12,100, was left by the late Mr. Augustus Henry Heath, of No. 9, Julien Road, "Coulson," Surrey, who died on July 14 last. The application by Mr. Ralph Archibald Wadson, lawful attorney, for the sealing of probate of the will, has been granted.

The C.N.A.C. plane Fokien which arrived here from Shanghai on Saturday brought Messrs. R. Laszlas and T. A. Mitchell from Shanghai and Mr. Yin Hsiung-chao from Swatow. Leaving at noon the same day, the Fokien returned to Shanghai with Miss N. A. Tolia, Messrs. T. Y. Chow, G. E. Warren and P. C. Teng. The Kwangtung, which arrived later in the afternoon from Shanghai, brought Mr. Ottomando, Siamese Trade Commissioner for Hong Kong, Mr. Y. H. Moore and Mr. Mok Hing-wing.

COST OF LIVING GOING UP

DISCONTENT IN FRANCE

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. Despite the stringent measures adopted by the Price Control Commission, Parisian housewives are being confronted with a steady increase of the cost of living. It is announced that from to-day the price of milk will be increased from 1.50 francs per bottle to 1.60 francs.

The unauthorised action of many restaurateurs to increase the price of wine has caused much discontent and the authorities have been obliged to issue a warning, threatening those who fail to respond to the national appeal. On the other hand the restaurateurs maintain that their profits are so meagre that they must raise the prices in order to make ends meet. —Trans-Ocean Service.

SITUATION IN PALESTINE

Arab Delegation Bound For Baghdad

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Jerusalem, To-day. A delegation of Arab leaders, including members of the Arabian Council, are proceeding to Baghdad in order to discuss with King Ghazi and the Iraq Government questions relating to the demands and wishes of the Arabs in Palestine.

The delegation will subsequently visit King Ibn Saud.

At present the entire Arabian press in Palestine is placed under ban.

On the road to Jericho, Jerusalem, five motor lorries were held up and the stores and provisions were plundered. —Trans-Ocean Service.

MRS. SIMPSON LEAVES FOR EGYPT

Athens, To-day.—Mrs. Warfield Wallis Simpson left Patras yesterday, embarking on the a.s. Athinon. She is travelling incognito with Egypt as her destination. —Trans-Ocean Service.

Cannes: Mr. Herman L. Rogers told American pressmen yesterday that Mrs. Simpson will not see the Duke of Windsor before the Spring. She will be remaining in Cannes for several months and will spend Christmas quietly with friends at Villa Louvie. —Reuter.

OBITUARY SIR JOHN BLAND SUTTON

London, To-day.

The death is reported here of Sir John Bland-Sutton.—Reuter.

Sir John Bland-Sutton was the Consulting Surgeon of the Middlesex Hospital. He was president of the Royal Society of Medicine from 1921 to 1922 and was President of the Royal College of Surgeons from 1923 to 1926.

He had written several books, amongst them being "Evolution and Disease," "Man and Beast in Eastern Ethiopia," and "Selected Lectures and Essays."

ARCHAEOLOGIST PASSES

DR. THEODOR SVIEGAND

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day. Dr. Theodor Sviegand, president of the Archaeological Institute of Germany, died at Dahlen on Saturday.

Dr. Sviegand, who was in his 72nd year, was the leader of numerous expeditions in the Near East, particularly in Syria and Damascus, and took a leading part in the discovery and interpretation of the famous finds at Persimmon.

In the last few years he devoted his time to the study of monuments in Russia, having been invited to that country by the Soviet Government.

He held an honorary membership of the Archaeological Institute of London, Vienna and Leningrad. —Trans-Ocean Service.

SCANDALOUS AFFAIR

Girl Stenographer Arrested

Paris, To-day.

Rumours alleging that a scandalous affair occurred recently in the French Foreign Ministry and that arrests had been made in connection with the delivery of war material to Spain is given prominence by the *Action Francaise*.

The journal asserts that a girl stenographer was taken into custody when it was learned she had handed over permits for the exportation of arms to a Czechoslovak national acting on behalf of the Red Spanish Government. The latter has likewise been arrested. The authorities' suspicions were aroused by the expensive mode of living of the arrested stenographer and consequently a trap was set for her. —Trans-Ocean Service.

POLICE RESERVE

Orders For The Current Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police.

Indian Company Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Tuesday, December 22nd at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—

Constables R201 S. I. Bux, R210 Abdullah Shah, R213 S. B. Hussein, R216 Lal Khan, R236 M. S. Dillon, R207 Fazal Iahi Oppal, R206 Mohamed Ali Oppal, R225 Kasim Ali, R226 A. R. Razack and R233 Jaffer Mohamed. Flying Squad Commendation. Crown Sergeant R333 A. W. Mooney is commended by the Inspector General of Police for the conscientious manner in which he performed his special duties during Safety First Week. (Sgd.) C. CHAMPKIN, D. S. P. (R).

Hong Kong, Monday, December 21st 1936.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains over China unchanged. The depression is moving westwards to the south of Mindanao. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, is north and north-east winds; fresh; fair.

U.S. GOLD AGAIN IN USE TO STABILISE EXCHANGE

CO-OPERATION WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE REGULATION OF NATIONAL FUNDS

(By Elliott V. Bell)

FIVE years of guerrilla warfare of currency depreciation now seems unthinkable. Since the agreement they are to be employed in the hurly-burly of the international money market, bludgeoning back the unsocial raids of the speculator or stemming the disorderly rushes of frightened capital leaving one country to seek refuge in another. Under the old gold standard there was no need for equalisation funds. Since every currency was worth so much gold, such was convertible into the other at a fixed price called its gold parity, and it was never possible for them to vary more than about one-half of 1 per cent. from those gold parities without being automatically brought back into line through the international shipment of gold. When Britain suspended the gold standard on Sept. 21, 1931, this automatic control of exchange values was broken. The pound sterling became an irredeemable paper currency, governed only by the law of supply and demand.

Described by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau as setting up a "new type of gold standard," the agreement might rather have been said to imply formal recognition of the establishment, temporarily at least, of a "stabilisation fund standard" to supplant the old gold standard. It gave fresh importance to the exchange control funds and directed increased attention toward them.

Funds Total Five Billions

There are Britain's Exchange Equalisation Account of about \$2,000,000,000, our own stabilisation fund of like amount, the new French fund of somewhat under \$500,000,000, a new Swiss fund reported to be about \$133,000,000, a new Netherlands fund of about \$159,000,000 and others of undisclosed amounts; the aggregate is possibly \$5,000,000,000.

That these most spectacular and mobile armaments of modern economic warfare should be used against one another in a contest

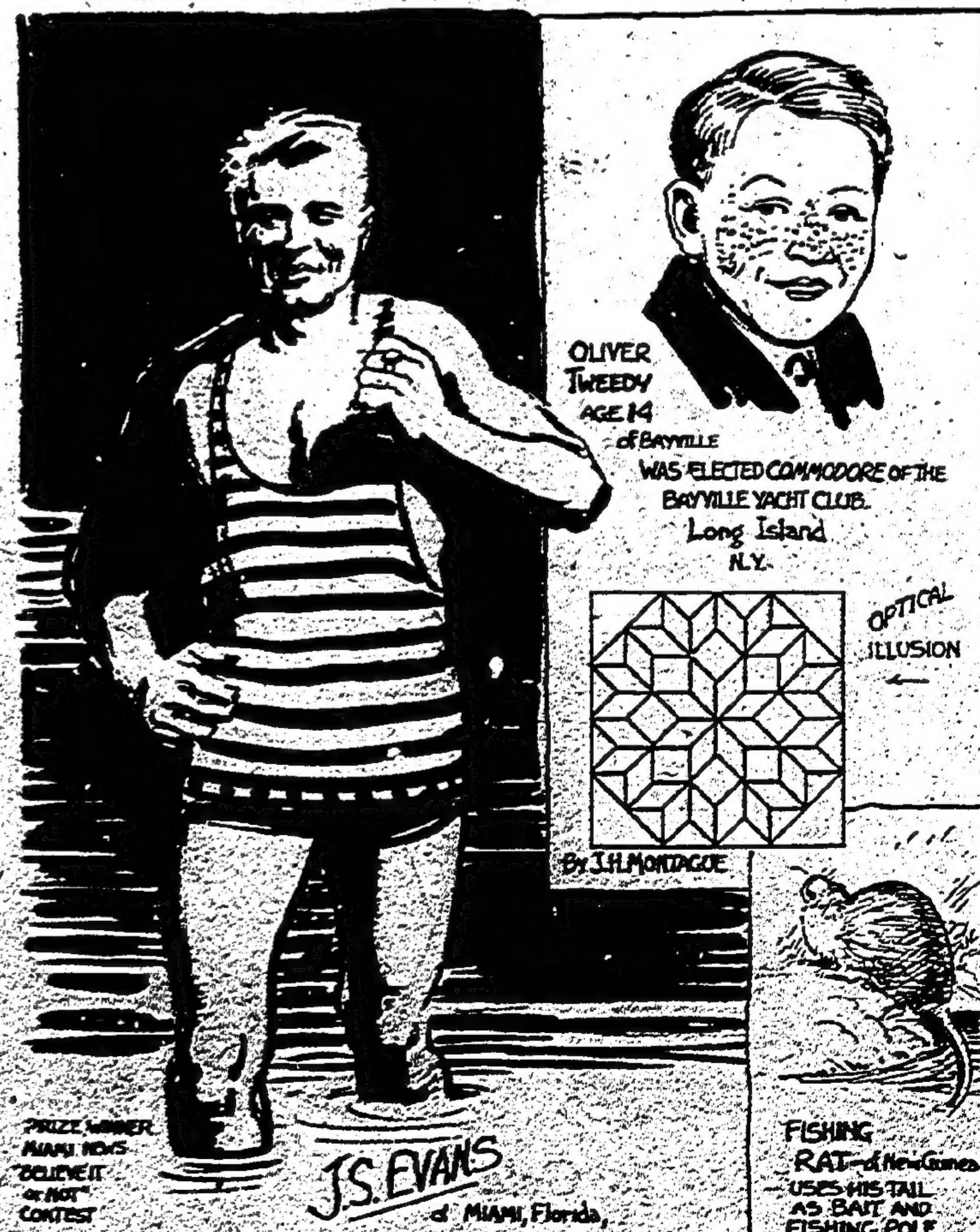
British Example Copied

It was in an effort to protect her interests in a depreciated currency, while at the same time seeking to guard against disturbing fluctuations in the exchange, that Britain, in April, 1932, established her exchange equalisation fund, which has served as a model for the funds subsequently established by other nations.

When the United States undertook to stabilise the dollar in January, 1934, it, too, formed a stabilisation fund. But whereas Britain, having no gold, obtained the capital for its fund by Treasury borrowings in the London money market, the United States set aside for its fund \$2,000,000,000 of gold out of the \$2,800,000,000 of gold "profits" resulting from devaluation. Other countries have since followed, France, Switzerland and Holland within the past month.

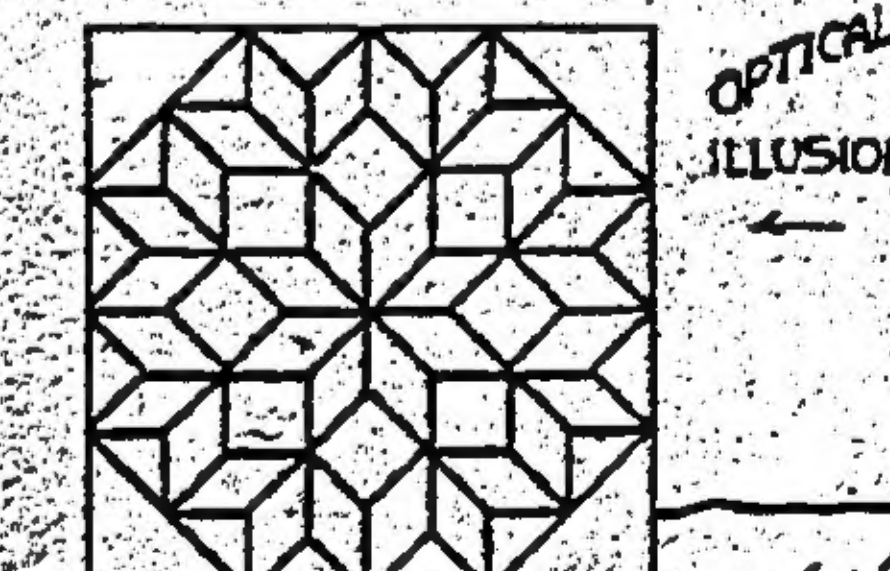
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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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WAS KNOCKED OVER BY A WAVE—AND CAME UP
WITH A GOLD RING ON HIS FINGER!

FISHING
RAT—of New Guinea
USES HIS TAIL
AS BAIT AND
FISHING POLE

Wah Yan College Prize Day

Exams Criticised In Annual Report

APPEAL TO PARENTS FOR CO-OPERATION

The annual distribution of prizes of the Wah Yan College, took place this morning when Mr. Li Sing Kin distributed the awards. A very interesting entertainment was provided by the pupils, including selections by the College orchestra, a Chinese play without words and The Trial of Antonio, adapted from Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

The annual report, presented by the Rev. D. Donnelly, S.J., gave a comprehensive review of the year's work, in the course of which he made reference to the School Certificate Examination and made certain suggestions for alterations regarding the subjects and the manner in which the examination is carried out.

Annual Report

In presenting his report, the Prefect of Studies, Rev. D. Donnelly, S.J., said:

Very Reverend Father Rector, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen: "It is a thought beloved of poets and sages that growth, the most amazing phenomenon in nature, is hidden and unobtrusive. The sower goes forth to sow his seed, and having sown it goes his way; and the seed strikes and pushes upward, steadily, secretly, till the golden flush of harvest spreads across the fields. The schoolboy winds his way day after day to the class-room; no human eye can detect the living processes of growth within his frame; yet as the years pass, the fingers that grasp his basket change, silently, quietly, from the little fingers of childhood to the strong hand, of youth."

"Such, too, is the story of the life and growth of a school. As week after week passes, and the monotonous humdrum, precious work goes on, one sees day by day little of change or of improvement. Yet the life and growth are there, strong, pulsating, fruitful; and when one looks backward from some vantage-point over a longer period of school activity, it is easy to see and to appreciate the results achieved."

"Such a vantage-point is this Annual Report of the Prefect of Studies. It is meant to provide at once a summary of the work done during the year that has passed, and a statement of our hopes and aspirations for the year to come."

"Our last Prize Day, the most ambitious and successful in the history of the school, was held on December 21, 1935, in the Queen's Theatre. The theatre was packed to overflowing, and the large audience followed with keen interest the musical and dramatic items provided. A Chinese and an English play were presented, the latter an adaptation of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar; both plays were excellently acted and produced. The prizes were given away by the Director of Education, Mr. G. R. Sayer."

Nine Hundred Boys

The College now counts an enrolment of just 900; a slight increase on last year's figures. It was not our original intention to increase our numbers this year; indeed, by cutting out two classes, 1B and 2C, we had made provision for a smaller school. The increase is due to two factors, both somewhat unexpected: first, the big demand for admission to the newly-formed Commercial classes, and second, the excellent quality of the new boys applying for admission."

"The Commercial classes, which were started last January with the consent of the Board of Education, seem definitely very promising. The boys admitted to the Commercial side this year were Class 3 boys, who were aiming definitely at a Commercial career. These boys are not, of course, our most brilliant scholars, though there are a number of very clever boys amongst them. But we do feel that these boys are learning a great deal in the Commercial classes; quite as much as they are capable of absorbing. They are being genuinely educated along useful lines. These classes provide for boys who lack the inclination, the talents, or the opportunity to go on for a profession; but who are destined to be, none the less, highly valuable members of society; they enable such lads to complete their education, instead of throwing them, half-educated and immature, upon an over-crowded labour market. We feel that these Commercial classes do much good, and hope that we shall be permitted to continue them."

"The large influx of new boys of high quality this year was very gratifying. So many suitable candidates applied, indeed, for Classes 3 and 4, that we were induced to continue last year's Class 3D, and to open a new division of Class 4, 4D. From the academic point of view however, it is highly desirable that boys be sent to us, not in Classes 3 and 4, but in the lower classes, if possible in Class 8. The reason is clear. We have found by long experience that, as a general rule, our own boys who go right through from Class 8 are better than those who join later; their work is neater, they are more accurate; more orderly, more accustomed to discipline and hard work. Many boys come to us in Classes 3 and 4, who in the end never reach Class 1; and in many cases one cannot but feel that had we had them from the beginning, they might easily have passed Matriculation. For the boys' sake, therefore, we appeal to parents who intend to entrust their sons to us, to send their boys to Wah Yan as early as possible."

"The school, this year, as last year, is full; there are hardly half-a-dozen vacant places in all our twenty-three classes. The average attendance has, again, been amazingly good, over 96 per cent. for the year; at least one class, 3A, has not had a single absentee for over a month at a time, and many other classes were little inferior."

Brilliant Boy's Death

"In the School Certificate examination held last June, the Wah Yan results were most satisfactory. Forty-one candidates were presented, of whom 27 passed, one of them with Honours and Distinctions in no less than five subjects, English, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Biblical Knowledge."

"This candidate, Yeung Sze Chung, was one of the most brilliant boys who ever passed through Wah Yan. In this examination, he was second in the whole Colony, and was chosen for a Government Scholarship. Before he could enjoy the fruits of his triumph, however, death claimed him for its own. A simple appendix operation was followed with tragic suddenness by general peritonitis, and within six hours of entering hospital, he was dead. Few boys have ever won to such a degree the affection and esteem of masters and fellow-pupils alike. Few seemed, if one may say it reverently, so fit for Heaven. May he rest in peace!"

"Wah Yan this year was second in the Colony in the School Certificate Examination in the number of passes only King's College, which entered 51 candidates, beat our total of 27."

"In sport, too, the fine record of previous years was maintained. In volleyball, our Senior team won the championship of the Hong Kong schools. In basketball, we won the Hong Kong Junior Men's League. In athletics, we were second to St. Joseph's in the interschool sports, and first in the combined Land and Water Sports open to Chinese schools. This term we won the championship at the interschool Aquatic Sports, beating our old friends and rivals, St. Joseph's, by one point."

"One other matter of interest might be referred to here. It is the School Certificate Examination for Class 2 boys, the details of which were published by the Board of Education at the end of July. With the general principles underlying the new examination all will agree, though the same general approval will not be accorded to certain minor details of its provisions, nor entirely to the manner of its publication. Many schools must have been gravely embarrassed by the launching of a far-reaching scheme of this kind in the middle of the summer vacation, when staffs were scattered, and schools had already settled the details of their courses, book-lists, text-books and promotions for the coming year."

"The general principle that school examinations should be organised, set and marked by schoolmasters is definitely sound. Though deprecated by some as an unfortunate but necessary evil, examinations, if carried out on sound lines, can be of great help in education. The new Certificate Examination is, therefore, welcomed. A similar welcome would be accorded to an examination at the end of Class 3, which should lay less stress on English and insist more on Chinese and general educational subjects. This examination should be open to all the schools of the Colony without exception. It would be the goal of many of the smaller schools in Hong Kong, and, if efficiently carried out and controlled, would raise the standard of such schools, and be a guide to parents in the selection of schools for their children. No pupil should be allowed to sit for a higher examination until he had passed the Class 3 test."

Amendment Suggested

"That there would be administrative difficulties in the way of such an examination is obvious; but if they could be overcome, as they are being overcome in the case of Class 2, it would be all for the benefit of education in the Colony."

"One provision of the new School Leaving Certificate examination, however, runs so counter to the general theory of education and to the universal practice elsewhere, that one can only conclude that it was inserted inadvertently. If so, it should be deleted quietly and without delay. If not so, then a justification of its insertion should be given."

"The provision relates to optional subjects, and reads (General Regulations, no. 6):—'In so far as a subject may be taken alternatively under an obligatory or under the optional group, the Candidate must elect in advance (i.e. on the application for admission to Examination) and must abide by his decision.' That is to say, that a candidate, when entering months before for this examination, must declare which of his subjects are to be regarded as obligatory and which as optional; and the optional subjects promptly cease to be of the smallest use to him in his examination."

"This regulation affects only three Groups; and in practice, it will, broadly speaking, affect one Group only, Group 3, the Science and Mathematics group."

"Now, let us consider for a moment this Group 3. To pass in it, a boy must pass in three subjects:—a Science subject, a Mathematical subject, and Arithmetic. Optional subjects may, however, be presented to the number of three; and, de facto, all our boys who go for this examination next year will present, not three scientific and mathematical subjects, but six. Let us take now, as an example, the case of two boys of equal merit, each of whom enters for the same subjects in the coming examination, and each of whom gets exactly the same marks in each subject. They both enter for Physics, Chemistry, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry; they both pass with honours, nay, get distinctions in Physics, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry, and fail in Chemistry and Trigonometry. The first boy, who was shrewd enough to make Physics, Arithmetic and Algebra his obligatory subjects, passes with three distinctions in Group 3; the second boy, who had the ill-luck to choose Arithmetic, Chemistry and Trigonometry, as his Group 3 subjects, fails abjectly in this whole examination. Yet, notice, both boys got exactly the same marks in every subject."

Injustice Apparent

"There is no need to labour the point at issue; the injustice is apparent. To penalise a boy in this way merely because, months before the examination takes place, he happens to estimate incorrectly his own probable knowledge in four months' time, is the negation of all true pedagogy."

"Further, from the point of view of the school-master, this provision tends to put a premium on bad teaching. In this college, 13 periods per week are allotted to scientific and mathematical subjects in Class 2; and more cannot be allotted. Now clearly, under this provision, optional subjects are perfectly useless for examination purposes. If one wished to use these 13 periods to the best advantage for examination results, one would promptly cut out all alternative subjects, and devote the whole time to, say, Arithmetic, Geometry and Chemistry only. If that were done, it is practically certain that all the boys whom we have in Class 2 would pass with ease in Group 3. But such a course would be a mere parody of a 'mathematical and scientific group.' We value the education of the pupils entrusted to our care more than examination results; and because of that, because we endeavour to give them a fuller and more adequate course in Science and Mathematics, both they and we are penalized."



The characters of "Paul" and "Lady," the homeless waifs adopted and raised by Carrie (Gladys George) in "Valiant" at the Queen's Theatre next Sunday, are played by Jackie Moran and Charlene Wyatt respectively.

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An Important Point

"The point raised is one which affects all boys entering for the examination this year. It is an important one, and one which could and should be rectified. There is no question of altering or in any way disturbing the courses or arrangements for the coming examination. All that is necessary is to delete one paragraph of the General Regulations, a equipping, for this year at least, obligatory and optional subjects. That this paragraph will be changed and speedily is inevitable; but it would be a pity if it were left as an unhappy legacy for some future Board. It is of vital importance to the boys of this year."

"It remains for me merely to congratulate all the boys on the excellent spirit of industry and friendliness which reigns in the school at present; a spirit which proves to the least observant that, in the schoolroom at least, East and West can meet in fullest sympathy and understanding."

Prize List

Mr. Li the gave away the certificates and prizes:—
School Leaving Examination, 1936 (Honours, Matriculation, and Government Scholarship) Yeung Sze Chung, with distinctions in English, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Biblical Knowledge.

Matriculation

Chang Chung Tin, Cheung Yin, Chung Wah Leung, Albert Hui Shiu Chan, Li Tat Keng, Wong Wing Kit, Yung Teck Foh, Joseph A. Yuen, with Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; Yuen Ging Fung.

School Leaving Certificate
Chan Po-Lau, with Distinction in Arithmetic; Cheong Pak Leung, Chik Kwan Lam, Choy Shing Pang, Chu Chee Sze, Ko Se Kan, Kwok Chung Wo, Lam Po Hon, Lee Hoy Chan, Leung Kwong Chan, Lim Gek Poh, Albert Lim Kin Teck, Pun Hin Ying, with Distinction in Algebra; Tang Ping Chao, Tong Ka Kin, Mark Tui Shing Cheung, Wong King Fong, Wong Sik Ning.

Class 2A: Wong Tak Sun; David Tsui; Lam Kin Keng.
Class 2B: Shiu Leung Hang; Chan Man Wing; Tam Hung Kwan.
Class 2C: Lo Po Yin; Lui Yew Chow; Ng Kai Fai.
Class 3A: Sim Kah Sun; Chow Pak Hing; Tam Tze Yan.
Class 3B: Chung Chee Hung; Li Yui Sun; Wai Ka Lai.
Class 3C: Chung Shiu Cheung; Cheung Po Man; Lam U Man.
Class 3D: Wong Chung Tak; Chan Fook Wah; Lee Kai Yau.
Class 4A: Wong Chin Wah; Wong Tung Fan; Ng Wing Shung.
Class 4B: Chan Sik Kwan; Yeung Shue Man; Ip Sik Ming.
Class 4C: Chan Shiu King; Lam Tung Lam; Ng Chik Hong.
Class 5A: Siu In; Leung Lok; Leung Kwai; Lai Sau Nam.
Class 5B: Luk Kwok Man; Tang Cho Lam; Lau Wai.
Class 5C: Tsui Lee Kok; Wong Kwai

FRANCO-SOVIET PACT DENUNCIATION DEMANDED

Paris, To-day.

A demand that the Franco-Soviet Pact be denounced was passed unanimously by a huge meeting of the French "Social" (Fascist) Party who also passed a resolution that France should maintain the strictest neutrality regarding Spain and to turn her efforts to the reconstruction of the Strasse Front and the Franco-Italian rapprochement.—Reuter.

CHINA FLEET OPEN BOXING TOURNEY

3 Preliminary Bouts Held To-day

Three preliminary round bouts in the China Fleet Open Boxing Championships were decided this afternoon at the China Fleet Club Theatre. They were:—

Welterweights: A. B. McCall (8th D/F) knocked out C.P.O. Ringam (Medway) in the second round.
Lightweights: A. B. Wood (Hermes) beat St. Frost (8th D/F) on points.

Bantamweights: A. B. Halsey (8th D/F) beat A. B. Begg (Hermes) on points.

The s.s. Ranpura left Singapore for this port last Saturday at 11 p.m., and is expected to arrive here on Thursday at 7 a.m. She is carrying the outward English mails.

Sun; Ngai Ping Kiang.
Class 6A: Fung Shu Shit; Yee Shiu Wah; Tsang How Leung.
Class 6B: Lee Lun Chang; Chan Ying Yin; Kan Keng Por.
Class 6C: Tam Koo Chuen; Woo Yik Chuen; Kwan Nin Kui.
Class 7A: Ho Sai Ming; Lan Shing Chuan; Wong Shui Chuen.
Class 7B: Lai Shun Chee; Tsui Si Kee; Lo Wing Cheuk.
Class 8A: To Cho Wai; Lui Chan Kwan; Chan Kai Tong.
Class 8B: Leung Kwok Wing; Ng Sun Cheung; Yam Wah Fok.
Class 8C: Fok Tsak Fai; Paul Chan; Peter Tse.

Scholarships
Class 2: Wong Tak Sun
Class 3: Sim Kah Sun
Class 4: Wong Chin Wah
Class 5: Siu Lin Lan
Class 6: Fung Shu Shit
Class 7: Wong Shui Chuen
Class 8: Lui Chan Kwan.
Special Prizes

Religious Knowledge:—Gold Medal: Yeung Sze-chung.
English Debate:—Gold Medal: Yeung Sze-chung, Silver Medal: John Wong.

Mandarin Debate:—Gold Medal: Wong Wing-kit, Silver Medal: Tsui Kah-chung.
Improvement in English Debate:—1. Ratna Khutakul; 2. Albert Hui Shiu Chan.

Improvement in Mandarin Debate:—1. Cheung Yan-lin; 2. Wu Chin-sui.

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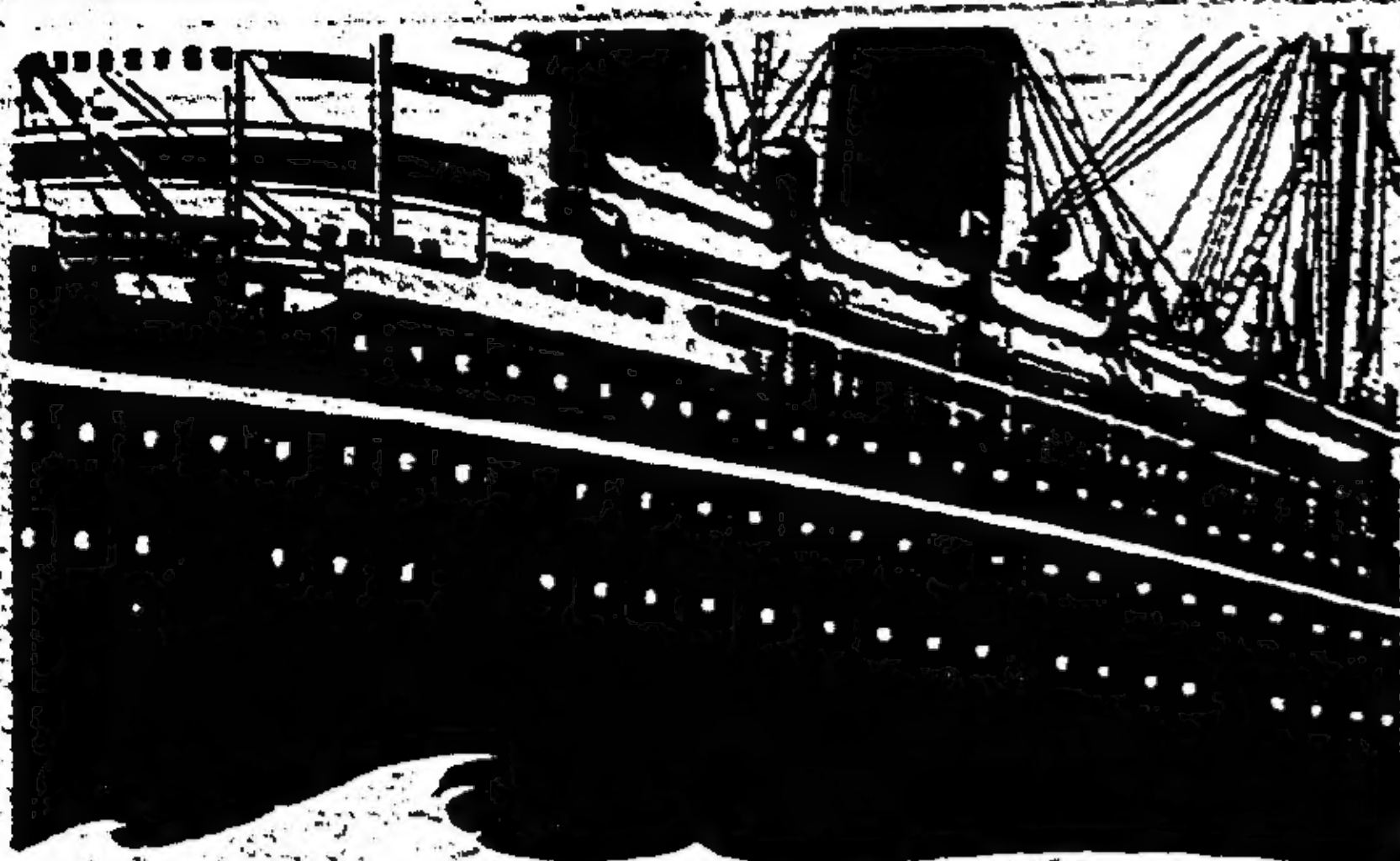
- Crackers 65 to \$ 6.00
- Fancy Box Chocolates 30 to 12.00
- Plum Puddings \$1.10 to 2.90
- Mince Meats 60 to 75
- Glace Cherries \$1.00 to 1.65
- Santa Claus Stockings 25 to 2.00

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*SOMALI	7,000	2nd Jan.	Bombay, Madras, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	9th Jan.	Bombay, Madras & London
*KIDDERPORE	5,000	10th Jan.	Bombay & Karachi
*RANPURA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Madras & London
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Madras, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Feb.	Madras & London
*CORFU	14,500	30th Feb.	Madras & London
*BHUTAN	5,000	37th Feb.	Madras, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull
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*TALMA	8,000	2nd Jan.	
*TALMA	10,000	16th Jan.	
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*TILAWA	10,000	27th Feb.	



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*NANKIN	7,000	2nd Jan.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart.
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FROM JAPAN

Rio de Janeiro Maru	Dec. 20
Comorin	Dec. 21
Atsuta Maru	Dec. 22
Toyama Maru	Dec. 23
Nagato Maru	Dec. 24
Nankai	Dec. 25

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Conte Verde	Dec. 25
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FROM SHANGHAI

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Schamhorst	Dec. 21
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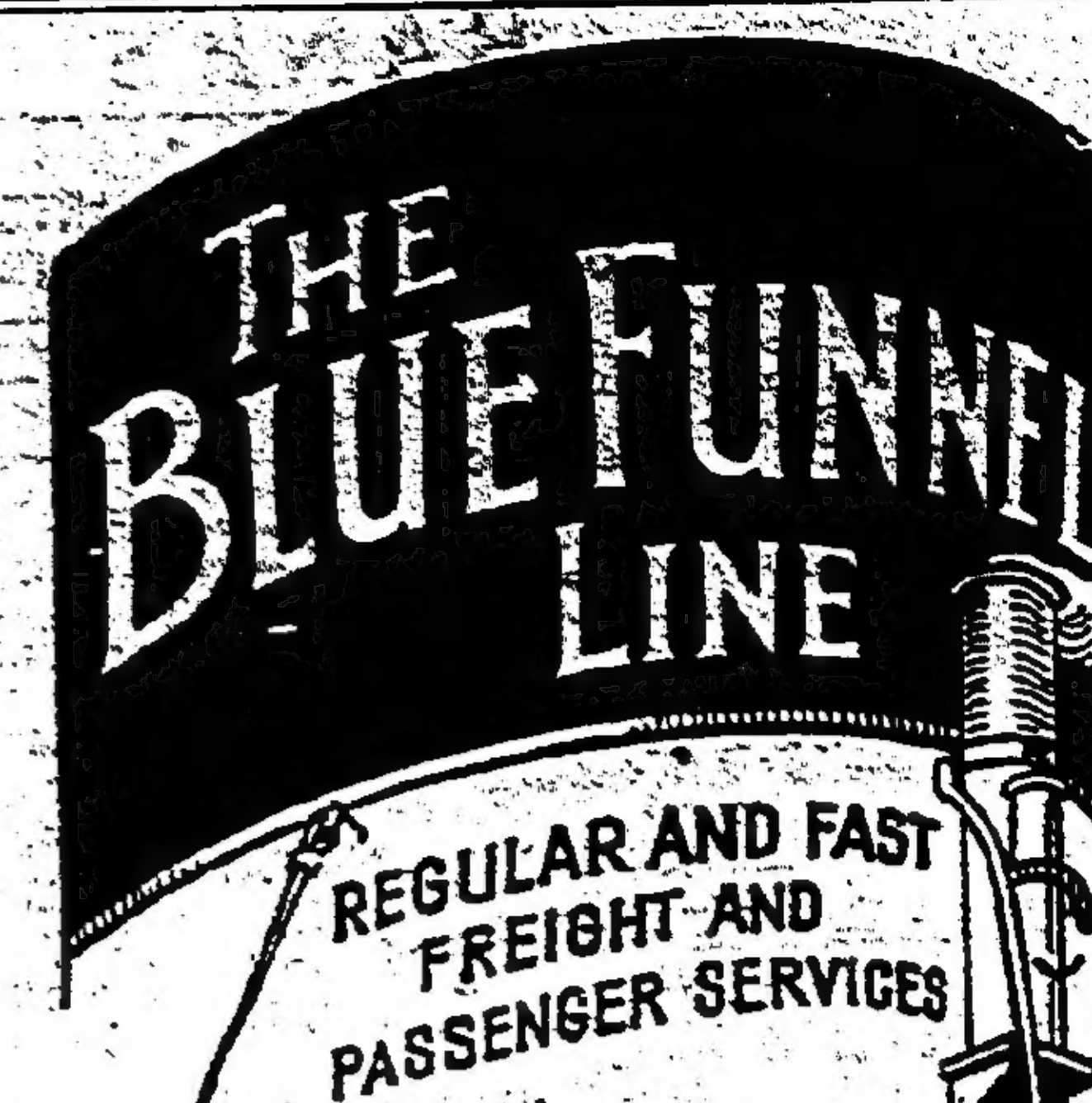
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FOR EUROPE

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Kitano Maru	Dec. 20		
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Menestheus	Dec. 21		
Emp. of Asia	2.30 p.m.		
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1.03 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.

1.20 p.m.—Frances Langford in three songs.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press; Local: Weather forecast, announcements and time.

1.40 p.m.—Variety and dance music.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5-8 p.m.—European programme.

5 p.m.—Relay—Dance music from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

6.30 p.m.—Welsh music

Songs—

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William Edwards (Tenor).

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Lella Megane (contralto).

Chorus—

March of the Men of Harlech (Welsh Air)

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6.50 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

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7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.32 p.m.—London: "The Policeman's Lot" A talk by a Sergeant of the Hong Kong Police Force.

7.47 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Don't Save Your Smile.

She Came from Alsace Lorraine.

Song of the Lift.

Old Ship O' Mine.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Relay—Ko Shing Theatre (Chinese).

11 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m.—European programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.06 p.m.—Charlie Kunz pianoforte medleys.

8.25 p.m.—Jessica Dragonette (soprano) and Turner Layton (tenor).

Soprano—

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Through the Doorway of Dreams

Tenor—

The Star and the Rose

West Wind

Soprano—

Se Tu Mami (Will you love me?)

Plaisir D'amour (Love's Joy)

Tenor—

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8.50 p.m.—"Cavalcade" Suite by Noel Coward and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

9 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m.—London—The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the third day's play by Alan Kippax, from Sydney. (Electrical recording).

9.35 p.m.—A Selection of Christmas Carols by the New Sanctuary Quartette.

9.40 p.m.—Charles Prentice and His Orchestra.

In the Mystic Land of Egypt (Ketelbey).

Daly's Theatre Waltz Memories (arr. Prentice).

Selection—Ball at the Savoy (Abramson).

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben Dance Music

11 p.m.—Close Down.

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which also arranged for transport and refreshments for over 200 other Chinese who went as spectators. Members of the "St. John Ambulance Brigade" were posted at intervals along the route, but the only call to render assistance was when a competitor collapsed from exhaustion.

Cups for first, second and third places were donated respectively by Mr. Chan King-wu, Chairman of the Chin Woo Association, the Wing On Company, and the China Exporters Limited. These, with the badges for the 100 who initiated the climb, were presented by Chan King-wu at the conclusion of the event.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Playing For Average

Although it may sound absurd on the face of it, quite frequently a player's course of action can be influenced by the ability and the type of game played by another player at another table. This situation occurs in team-of-four matches. Often the Declarer is confronted with two different lines of play and really has no way of deciding which one to adopt.

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Two ladies were among the climbers, Miss Ng Yung-kwai, a 25-year-old teacher, and Miss Chow Kit-hing, a drill instructor, aged 20.

The ascent was commenced at 10 a.m. from a point on the main motor-road at Tsun Wan, and followed a course marked by red paint and flags, though it was left to the competitors to make short cuts on the way should they so wish. A heavy mist concealed the summit of Taimoshan at the start, though it cleared later in the day. The weather was ideal for the climb.

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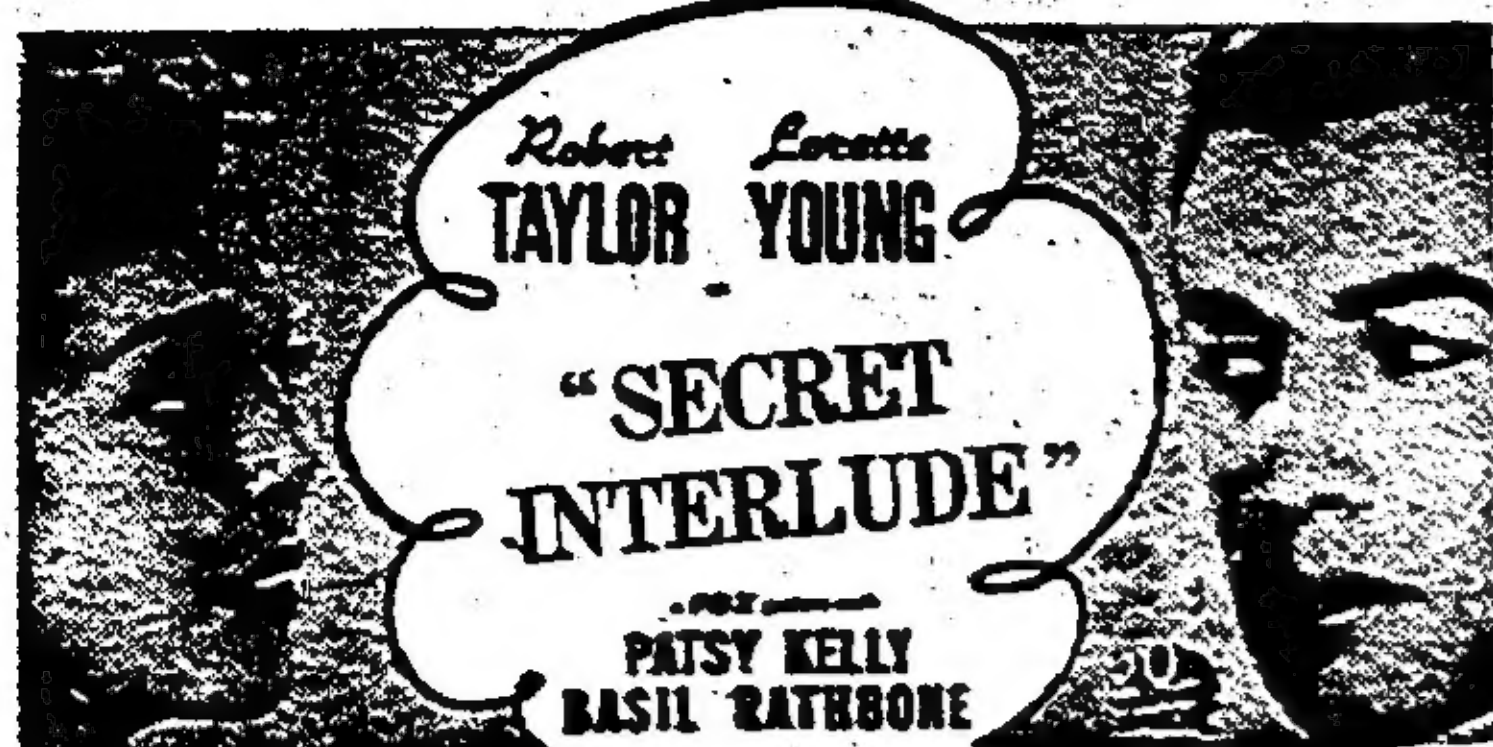
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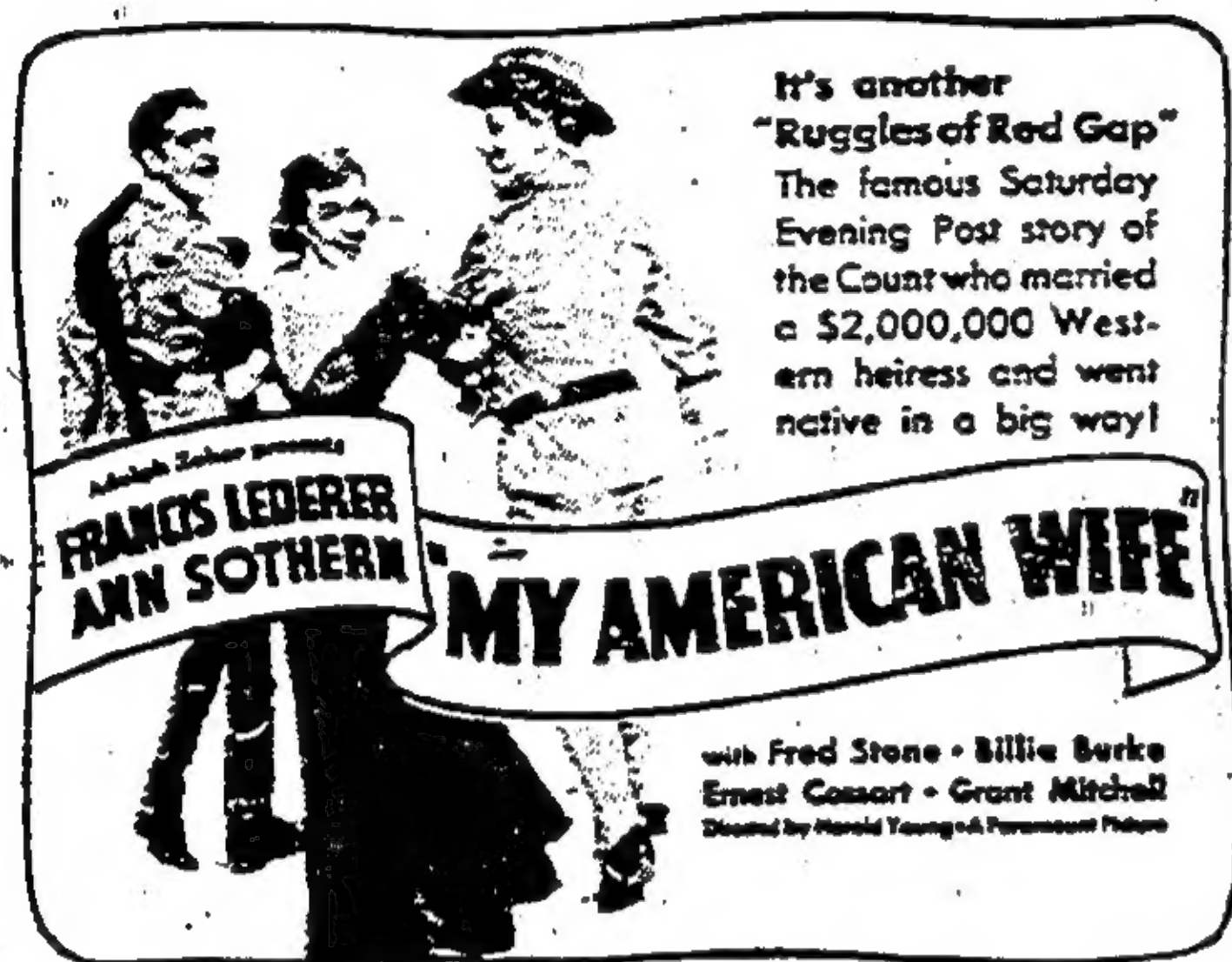
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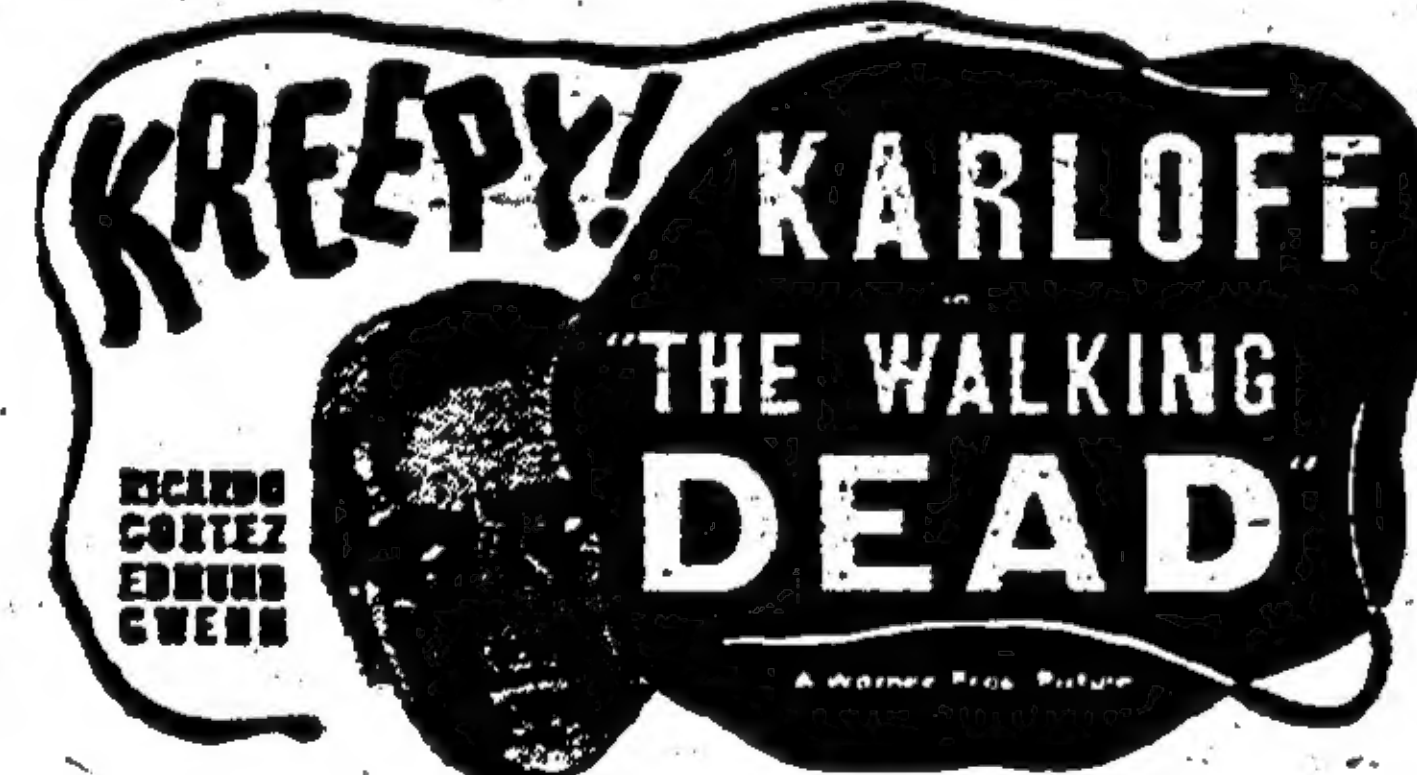
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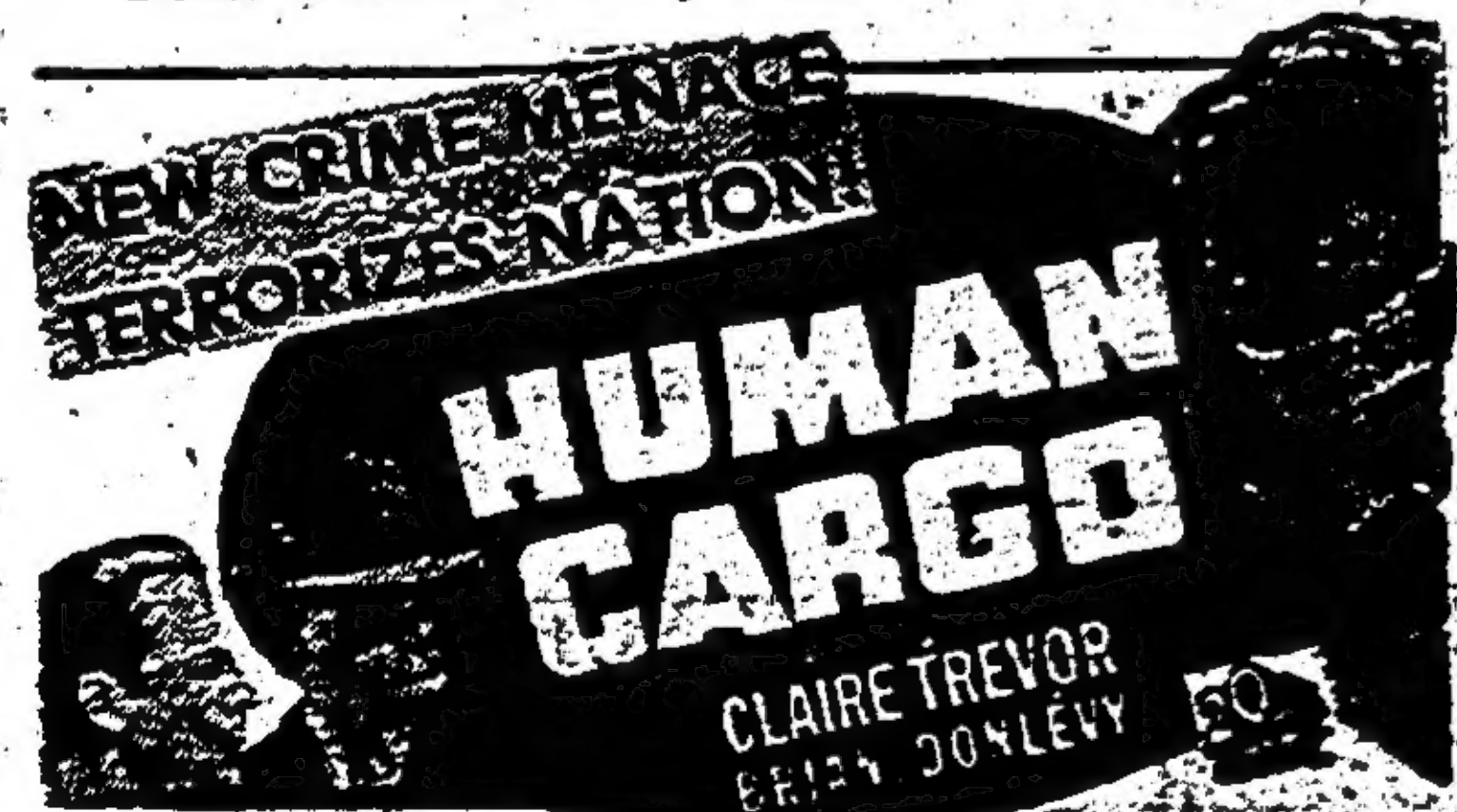
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SHARE DIVIDENDS TO BE MAINTAINED

ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

A nett profit of \$885,637.45 Ltd. of Manchester, and for a for the year under review was 120,000-lb. boiler to be supplied by reported at the 18th annual general meeting of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., which was held this morning at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, and presided over by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Lo was supported by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., Mr. A. H. Compton, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie (Directors), Mr. D. W. Munton (Manager) and Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary).

Among the shareholders present were, Messrs. Chua Seng Choo, A. M. d'Eca, A. S. Gubbay, Lau Chung Keung, Mr. H. K. Lee, A. H. Mackenzie, K. C. Mark, I. N. Murray, G. H. Potts, E. Summers and C. M. da Silva.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH
 Addressing the meeting, the chairman said:—"Before proceeding with the business of this meeting, I have to say that it was with profound regret that the Directors and shareholders of this Company learned of the sudden death on August 13, last of Mr. C. A. da Rosa. Mr. da Rosa had been associated with this Board since 1922 and by his passing we have suffered an irreparable loss."

"The gross profit for the year is shown as \$1,572,902.10. After charging Profit and Loss Account with Directors', Auditors' and Consultants' fees, interest, depreciation, etc., the nett profit stands at \$885,637.45. A sum of \$70,000 has been allocated to Reserve for the late General Managers' Rights, leaving, together with \$122,179.36 brought forward from last year, \$937,816.81 available for distribution."

"Your Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend of 50 cents per share on the 'old' shares and proportionate amounts on the 1936-Issue shares, amounting to \$334,300, and that the balance of about \$103,500 be carried forward."

"It will be recalled that my predecessor in the chair predicted an increase in working costs consequent on the drop in exchange. On the other hand, he hoped for some revival in local industry. Both these forecasts have come to pass and, although sales of power have fallen off considerably in the New Territories, the nett result of the year's working leaves us in the fortunate position of being able to maintain the dividend paid last year."

FORWARD PURCHASES
 "Shareholders will be glad to know that forward contracts were made by the Board on somewhat favourable terms for coal and, as the result, our coal costs have been kept down for the time being. Moreover, I am happy to state that a large proportion of the cost of the additional generating plant recently ordered has been covered in that we have in hand a sum of \$85,000 purchased at an average of nearly 1/7d. to the Hong Kong dollar."

Our coal commitments should look after our requirements for about a year or so, though the average price per ton during this period will be higher than it was last year. After that, our coal costs will probably further rise, as many other items of working expenditure have done, owing to the low exchange value of the Hong Kong dollar."

"Therefore, while it will be our endeavour to maintain the dividend, shareholders will realise that, unless the increase in the demand for electricity is more than sufficient to offset the increase in working expenditure, profits can hardly be expected to exceed the recent level attained."

NEW UNITS ORDERED
 "With regard to the additional generating plant, to which reference was made from this chair last year, it is incumbent upon responsible Boards of electricity supply concerns to anticipate larger loads, and your Board, after most careful consideration, placed an order last summer for a 12,500 K.W. Turbo-Alternator to be supplied by the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Export Co., Ltd. of Manchester, and for a 120,000-lb. boiler to be supplied by the International Combustion Ltd. of Derby England. These new units, which should be installed during 1937, will be housed in new buildings adjoining the existing Power Station."

"We have already sent to our Consulting Engineers in London, Messrs. Preece, Cardew & Rider, drawings (based on certain preliminary layout plans sent out by them to us) prepared by Mr. S. E. Faber, A.F.C., after the fullest consultation with our technical staff. Mr. Faber is our Consulting Constructional Engineer, whose services have been specially retained by the Board to carry out the construction of these important additions to the Station at Hok-On."

CALL MADE
 "A new Workshop and Store built on the most modern lines has just been completed at Hok-On and is now in use."

"To complete our present programme of capital expenditure at Hok-On, your Board has decided to call up the balance of \$2.50 per share on the 1936-Issue shares and to make such call payable on April 1, 1937."

"Before closing, I desire to express the board's appreciation of the continued co-operation of the Company's staff, for whom, shareholders may be interested to know, we have instituted a new Provident Scheme including in its benefits provisions for life insurance for those employees who elect to take advantage of this form of investment."

The chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Secunder's Speech

In rising to second the motion, Mr. G. H. Potts, congratulated the board of directors on maintaining their dividend of 50 cents per share on the "Old" Shares and proportionate amounts on the 1936-Issue shares. He added that he felt sure shareholders would agree that it was a matter of great satisfaction that the directors had managed to settle the exchange at such favourable rate on the payment of their new generator, and also on the forward contracts for coal. Mr. Potts then seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, the motion being carried unanimously.

Mr. A. S. Gubbay proposed and Mr. Lau Chung-keung seconded the re-election of Mr. Felix A. Joseph and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo to the board of directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected as auditors for the present financial year at a remuneration of \$1,800 each, on the proposal of Mr. A. M. d'Eca and seconded by Mr. Chua Seng-choo.

AUSTRALIA ALL OUT FOR 80!

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Voce at this period had taken the wickets of Fingleton, O'Brien, Bradman and McCabe, Australia's four leading batsmen, for only 8 runs!

Two runs later Sievers was taken at cover by Voce off Verity, the slow-spin bowler—30-6-4—and one run later Oldfield was bowled by an off spinner from Verity.

O'Reilly, missed before he had scored, hit a six and four off successive balls from Verity, and, aided by McCormick, saw the 50 hoisted after 82 minutes. The pair were still together when lunch was taken at 67 for 7, O'Reilly being 30 and McCormick 6.

Rain fell five minutes before the lunch interval.

In view of the fact that there had been a thunderstorm overcast, followed by heavy rain which had left the wicket wet and likely to assist spin bowlers, C. O. Allen declared the England innings at the overnight total of 624 for 6.

MADRID COMMAND READY FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES

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The bright and clear sky, and the resultant excellent visibility not only greatly facilitated the task of the observers, but also contributed towards raising the morale of the troops, who had been beginning to show signs of impatience in view of the lull in fighting necessitated by the weather conditions.

RAILWAY STATION WIPED OUT
 The Red positions at the Northern Railway Station, the Montana and Sigovia barracks, were particularly heavily bombed. Gigantic columns of smoke, rising from the completely burnt out railway station, could be seen several miles away.

The Red Army, it is stated, was compelled to remain purely on the defensive, and the fact that the morale of the Red troops is at low ebb is emphasised by the report that they did not make any attempt to recapture their lost positions in the Boadilla sector.

VALENCUELA CAPTURED

According to the latest messages received here, the Nationalists are continuing to make progress in their advance into the interior of the city, along Pasio de Pasaes. Other reports state that the Southern Army of the Nationalists has captured the town of Valenciuela, in the province of Cordoba, inflicting very heavy losses on the Reds, who retreated in a headlong flight after only very brief resistance, abandoning a great quantity of war material. Two planes, belonging to the Red Air Force, which came to the assistance of the retreating Army, are reported to have crashed in flames.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MR. T. V. SOONG IN SIANFU

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Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the National Economic Commission and brother-in-law of the Generalissimo, took a risk by going to Sian yesterday afternoon, in an attempt to assist his brother-in-law, as it is stated that he has not been empowered by the Government to make official negotiations. At the same time, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Pacification Commissioner for Shanai and Suifu, is still trying his best to make the Young Marshal release the Generalissimo, but as the latter does not allow any one to see the Generalissimo alone, his representatives, General Chao Tai-men and General Chu Yang-chang, have cancelled their mission to Sian.

An unconfirmed report states that the Young Marshal seems to be repentant for what he has done, and adds that he will probably leave his troops under the command of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and will go on a foreign tour himself. But as he denies the death of Mr. Shao Yuan-chung, former chief of the Central Publicity Council, in his cable to Dr. H. H. Kung, the Acting-President of the Executive Yuan, where as it is learned on good authority that Mr. Shao was killed by the rebels on Sunday last, the Young Marshal is no longer trusted by the Central authorities.—Our Own Correspondent.

in overcast and sultry weather when Fingleton and O'Brien went out to open the Australian innings, Badoock, who is still in bed with a temperature, not being allowed to bat.

As in the fourth innings of the first Test, the Australians made a disastrous start, O'Brien being caught by Sims in the gully off Voce's seventh ball with only one run on the board.

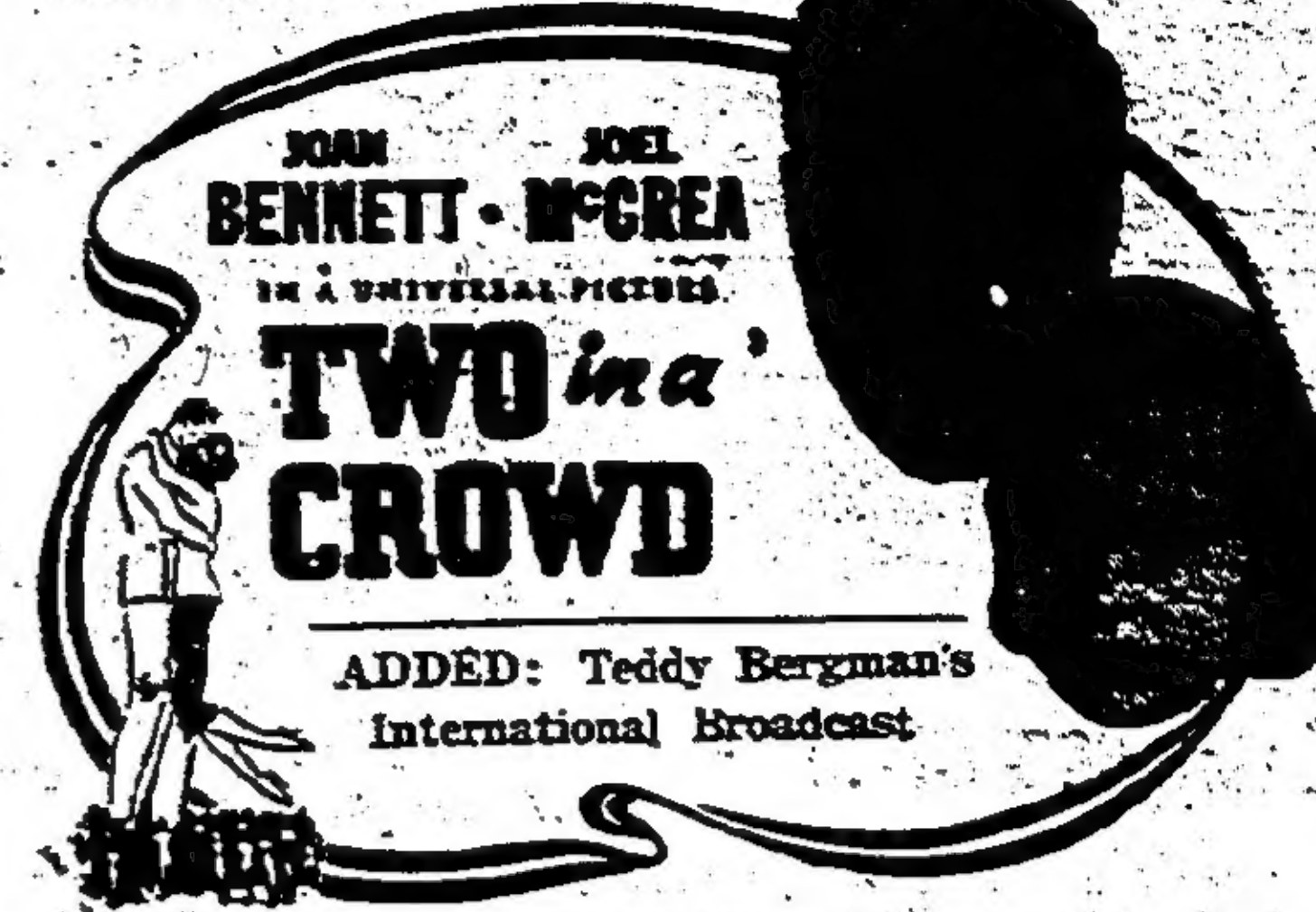
Worse, however, was to follow, for Don Bradman gave Allen a "ditter" at short-leg off Voce's next ball and in the same over McCabe left when Sims accepted a catch in the gully. (1-8-0). Chipperfield then joined Fingleton and the pair added 15 runs before the former was caught by Sims off Allen, for 13.

LORD MAYOR'S 2,000 GUESTS

More than 2,000 poor people were the guests of the Lord Mayor of London at the annual East End banquet at the "Great Assembly Hall," Mile End-road.

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